

ARKANSAS
WEATHER AND CROP PROGRESS



* HARVESTING WHEAT, OATS , HAY AND IRRIGATING CORN, RICE

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RELEASED: July 12,1999 3:00 p.m.– Typical July weather all week with temperatures only 2 to 3 degrees above normal. Scattered afternoon showers most days increased through mid week. A stalled front kept the temperatures down slightly into the weekend. Rain was more widespread Friday through Sunday. Sunday produced the heaviest rainfall amounts of the week according to the Arkansas Agricultural Statistics Service. 6.0 days were suitable for fieldwork. Soil moisture supplies were 2 percent very short, 33 percent short, 63 percent adequate and 2 percent surplus. The main farming activities of the week included finishing planting soybeans, harvesting wheat and hay, irrigating corn, soybeans, and rice, and fertilizing corn, cotton, rice, and pastures, scouting for sheath blight in rice, making mid-season nitrogen applications to rice.

CROPS: Planting of soybeans was reported by several counties. Herbicides were being applied to rice fields and insecticides to cotton for thrips. Tomatoes and peaches were being harvested.

LIVESTOCK: Cattle producers continued to market cattle and wean calves. Cattle were given bang vaccinations, treated for external parasites for summer insect control, ear tagging cattle, and were reported in good condition statewide.

Crop Progress and Conditions

Progress %				Condition % ¹				
CROP Stage	Current Week	Previous Year	5 Year Average	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
SORGHUM				0	3	29	58	10
Emerged	100	100	100					
Headed	36	56	34					
COTTON				0	3	23	60	14
Squaring	100	99	98					
Setting Bolls	32	66	38					
RICE				0	2	20	56	22
Headed	1	16	7					
SOYBEANS				0	6	30	50	14
Blooming	23	25	16					
Setting Pods	5	6	6					
CORN				0	2	26	51	21
WHEAT								
Harvested	98	100	97					
OATS				0	0	60	40	0
Harvested	95	100	94					
ALFALFA				0	4	20	72	4
OTH. HAY				0	6	28	58	8
PASTURE				0	6	27	59	8

¹Condition published after at least 10% of crop has emerged, and continues until 90% of crop has been harvested.

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